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## SEE SENATE DEAL TO RUSH DRAFT BILL

### People's Opposition To Draft Does Not Matter, Bullitt Says

Attacks French Labor's Battle for 40-Hour Week and Blames Unions for Downfall of Nation; Says People Here Cannot Think for Selves

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 18.—In an address filled with thinly veiled contempt for the institutions of democracy, Ambassador William C. Bullitt today argued that America needs conscription and the abolition of laws restricting hours of labor. Outlining a program of the starkest reaction for the American people, Bullitt attempted to whip up a hysteria over "the invasion" of the country, and called upon "patriotic societies" to combat the people's opposition to the Burke-Wadsworth Draft Bill.

Ordinary Americans are not good enough to know what is good for them, Bullitt hinted. "Problems of world affairs have become so complex," he said, "that the average citizen has the greatest difficulty in understanding and judging what is best for his country before it is too late."

In these words Bullitt prepared a justification of conscription, of fascist methods in America, and the suppression of American civil liberties.

Citing France as an example, Bullitt told the American Philosophical Society before which he spoke, that France fell, not because of the widely known treason of its wealthy ruling classes, but because the French working class won better conditions of work and insisted on civil liberties.

#### ECHOES FASCISTS

"The French found it comfortable," Bullitt declared, "to listen to voices bought by dictators which told them that it was more important for them to work only forty hours a week than for his country to have enough airplanes." In this manner, Bullitt distorted the most obvious fact of the treason of

France's industrialists and bankers who deliberately sought to weaken resistance in order to make an alliance with Hitler against the French proletariat. Bullitt's remark shows that high Government circles are thinking of smearing Labor's demands with the charge of "dictatorship."

Bullitt insinuated a demand for the suppression of working class political parties in the United States by echoing the fascist falsehood that the Communist Party "works for a foreign power." Bullitt sneered at those Americans who insist on democratic rights for working class parties. He said the French liberals made this "mistake."

Bullitt praised the fascist regime of Petain on July 22, when the press interviewed him on his return to the U. S. It is apparent that Bullitt intends to clamp upon America the same kind of oppressive regime with labor and the people to pay the price of an aggressive war program.

Bullitt was a notorious supporter of the Munich policy which permitted Hitler to spread his aggressions.

Observers see added significance in the fact that Bullitt's reactionary proposals were distributed as a press release by the U. S. State Department before he delivered it.

### NMU to Send 600 Seamen To Peace Mobilization

176 Prominent Americans Brand Maloney Amendment to Conscription Bill As "An Insidious Trap"

"Box car" delegations of more than 600 National Maritime Union members will be sent to the Emergency Peace Mobilization in Chicago, Aug. 31-Sept. 2, Joseph Curran, NMU President announced yesterday.

The delegations will represent deepwater ships, Atlantic and Gulf ports, Great Lakes and inland river craft.

Approximately 100 delegates will be elected from New York alone. One or more delegations each from 150 deepwater vessels are expected. Twenty Atlantic and Gulf ports will send delegations of one to ten persons.

Approximately 150 delegates each will come from the rivers (mainly the Ohio and the Mississippi) and from the Great Lakes, it is estimated.

#### ELECT COMMITTEE

A committee of six NMU members were elected at a membership meeting in Manhattan Center recently to organize the representation. On it are William Kenneally, chairman; Ray Selbert, Ray West, Tony Lucio, Adrian Polomino, and V. Balleschmeder.

A "box car" delegation, it was explained, is one which is elected by a port or a ship's crew with instructions to get to Chicago and back as best it can.

Not all the delegates will be thrown on their own resources, however. The crew of the S.S. American, Panama Railroad Line, has purchased an airplane ticket for its delegate, Albert Rothbart. The ship arrives in New York, Saturday, Aug. 31, the first day of the conference and the delegate must go by plane or not at all.

Others will go from New York on the special trains chartered by the Emergency Peace Committee of New York, 381 Fourth Ave.

Donations from ships' crews will help defray the expenses of delegates elected from ports.

Mr. Curran is one of the speakers at the three-day session.

The seamen are becoming more and more aware of the necessity for keeping this country out of the present European War," he said yesterday. "The Chicago Emergency Peace Mobilization has been endorsed by the entire or-

### Why Is Hillman Silent on Conscription?

Why does Sidney Hillman remain silent on military conscription?

The CIO through John L. Lewis and through the various CIO affiliates, have vigorously denounced conscription.

The Railway Brotherhoods have voiced their opposition in unmistakable terms.

Even William Green has been compelled to take notice of the feelings of the AFL membership and speak out against the draft.

But Hillman—who is supposed to "represent labor" on the President's Advisory Defense Council—utters not a word!

Hillman's silence does not represent the sentiments of any section of the organized labor movement of the United States.

Whom then is he really representing on this Defense Council?

The workers expect Hillman to let it be known where he stands on this crucial issue!



JAMES W. FORD,

Vice-Presidential candidate of the Communist Party, with campaign workers at Pennsylvania Station in Newark before leaving last Friday for tour of the West. Left to right: Bill Norman, New Jersey State Campaign Manager; Ben Davis, Jr., National Election Campaign Committee; James W. Ford, Larry Mann, Mamie Penn and Rose Eick, from the 10th, 11th and 12th New Jersey Congressional Districts.

—Daily Worker Photo

### Teachers See 'Defense' Drive On Education At Convention

AFL Delegates Gather at Buffalo for Annual Parley

By George Morris

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BUFFALO, Aug. 18.—Big Business and its tory lawmakers throughout the country are conducting a head-on offensive against the nation's school system, in the name of "defense," many delegates to the convention of the American Federation of Teachers declared here.

The clouds of war hanging over the educational system and academic freedom overshadowed all the problems facing the delegates from 250 locals of the union who began discussions preparatory to the 24th annual convention of the A.F.T. which opens at the Hotel Buffalo tomorrow morning.

This was apparent in the all-day meeting of representatives of college units of the union which ended with adoption of a statement of policy aiming to meet the war-hysteria attack upon education.

While such is the expression of sentiment in the college teachers section and of some of the largest and most influential units of public school teacher units, there is as yet no certainty of how the convention as a whole will meet the issue. There are also elements who aim to jump on the war-propaganda bandwagon and there are further indications that William Green, who is to address the convention at its opening, and others of the A. F. L. officialdom will seek to encourage those elements.

LYONS TO SPEAK

Green and Thomas J. Lyons, president of the New York State Federation of Labor, are scheduled to speak tomorrow morning. They will be followed with a report by Professor George S. Counts, president of the union.

Dr. George E. Extelle, of Northwest University School of Education, chairman of the College Section, pointed out that there is increased pressure from business people for a switch of education from the liberal arts to technical training. This, he said, is on a claim that defense required such

### Candidate Condemns Both Parties for War Plans

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 18.—James W. Ford, vice-presidential candidate of the Communist Party, opened in Denver on Sunday, Aug. 18, his country-wide election tour on behalf of his Party by attacking in uncompromising fashion the foreign policies of the Republican and Democratic Parties in their joint efforts to drag the United States into war and hunger."

Mr. Ford devoted a great portion of his speech to the problems of the Negro people and under what conditions they are forced to live and work. He pointed out that "under pressure of the most progressive labor movement and of the Negro people themselves, the Negroes made some slight gains during the last seven or eight years. But now even the promise of securing the most elementary democratic rights to the Negroes has been abandoned."

WARNS AUDIENCE

The vice-presidential candidate warned his audience of both Roosevelt and Willkie's plans to scuttle social legislation and proposed a "people's program to defend our country for peace, jobs, security and civil rights."

With millions unemployed," Ford said, "the Democratic administration at Washington is scuttling social legislation, unemployment relief and unemployment and old age insurance; it is destroying all gains that aid the struggle for liberty and the well being of the Negro people."

All this is done in order to pour

as the blood of the people into a

scramble of monopoly capital to rule the world..."

#### BEST TEST

"The best test for all America of the complete abandonment of the New Deal gains is found in how this abandonment affects the

plight of the Negro people, in our

country," Ford continued. "Under

the pressure and organization of

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### Draft Threat Jams Marriage Bureaus All Over Nation

All Sections of Country Report Record Rush in Weddings

(By United Press)

Wedding bells are pealing throughout the United States in a record-breaking chorus, principally because of the growing possibility of military conscription, according to the nation's marriage license clerks.

Figures assembled Sunday in a nation-wide survey by the United Press show marriage increasing greatly in most sections, holding its own or gaining slightly in others, and losing ground in only isolated instances.

But while Cupid is enjoying an off-season boom, word from Washington was that marriage-in-haste would prove no guarantee of escape from the draft. There it was said that a draft board would have final decision in the matter and that men who married recently would have to prove their motive was love rather than a desire to escape service.

Bellies were called out to preserve order among applicants Saturday in New York's marriage license offices in Brooklyn and Queens. A year ago the Manhattan office was issuing 50 to 60 licenses a day. But during the half-day it was open Saturday it issued 152 and during the day 70 marriages were performed in the municipal building.

The increase in weddings in New York since conscription talk started is representative of dozens of cities and towns included in the United Press survey.

For the first half of August, Manhattan's office issued 629 more licenses than in the same period of 1939. Brooklyn, with 2,613 issued in the two-week period, had more than doubled the 1,179 of last year's corresponding period.

In Chicago, where usually from 2,000 to 4,000 couples obtain wedding licenses in August, this month's total is expected to pass 5,000. June, with 5,793, was the busiest month for Chicago's license bureau since June, 1937, a month before the Illinois pre-marital medical examination law went into effect, when there was the abnormal total of 9,923.

Many localities report fluctua-

### Bomb Nazi Troops as Germans Raid London

LONDON, Aug. 18 (UP)—Germany hurled at least 600 planes against the British Isles today in three mass raids, one of which blasted at the outskirts of London, the Air Ministry reported.

#### Trade Blows

SOUTHEAST COAST PORT, England, Aug. 18 (UP).—Fleets of British and German bombers today traded heavy blows in the great struggle for air supremacy and, while bombs fell on London's suburbs, enormous explosions shook the Nazi-held coast of France.

#### Nazis Bombed

SOUTHEAST COAST PORT, England, Aug. 18 (UP).—Nearly 100,000 German troops massed along the French Channel coast awaiting an order for an "invasion" of the British Isles have been bombed by fleets of British planes and "completely disorganized," it was reported tonight.

The huge Nazi concentration of troops was said by British officials to have been bombed Saturday night and today as they waited on the French beaches, less than 30 miles from British soil, ready to embark on an invasion attempt.

#### Coastguard Boats Go to Rescue of Negroes in North Carolina

WELDON, N. C., Aug. 18 (UP).—Coastguard boats were sent up the Roanoke River today to rescue hundreds of Negro farm workers who clung precariously to the roofs of their flooded dwellings.

Four were known drowned as the Roanoke—higher than it has ever been before—inundated mile after mile of rich farmland and river towns.

"Three or four" Negro families

officials said, were reported to have

been drowned near Scotland Neck

when the river washed away their farm homes.

Weldon was the hardest hit. The river was above 58 feet—27 feet above flood stage—but had not risen since noon.

Sewers backed up into the town. Drinking water was bad. Residents were inoculated against typhoid.

A meager supply of water in the city tank water was being rationed—five gallons per family per day. There reportedly was enough to last several days.

Hundreds of refugees made the situation here more precarious and trains were expected to remove them elsewhere.

The food situation was reported serious at Ahoskie and Jackson because of the hundreds of refugees.

An emergency call was sent from Jackson for food before the last road, to Williamson, is closed by rising waters.

Scotland Neck, on high ground, became a refugee center and Coast Guard boats set up from the Nag's Head and Elizabeth City bases worked into the night rescuing the stranded.

#### British Get 100

LONDON, Monday, Aug. 19 (UP).—More than 100 German planes were shot down Sunday during the Nazi's three mass attacks on the British Isles, an authoritative spokesman said early today.

The record bag of the Royal Air Force was 144 Nazi planes last Thursday, according to official figures.

#### Raid Airdrome

AN R.A.F. AIRDROME, Outside London, Aug. 18 (UP).—Sweeping so low they almost nipped the tree-tops, diving and twisting like a troupe of circus acrobats, a swarm of German planes today dive-bombed and machine-gunned the British military airport.

There was considerable damage outside the airdrome itself and there were a number of casualties among civilians.

"But it wasn't enough to pay for the way those Jerries risked their necks," said an air raid warden.

"The sky was black with them at one time."

#### French Police Aid Japanese

SHANGHAI, Monday, Aug. 19 (UP).—Japanese military police in cooperation with French officers raided another warehouse in the French concession yesterday and seized thousands of dollars worth of radio tubes and equipment which they said was the property of the Chungking Ministry of Communications and had been used for "secret" radio communication between Shanghai and the nationalist capital.

Japanese police were increasingly active in the French concession during the weekend and it was indicated that French authorities were giving them full cooperation in an effort to round up all suspected agents of the Chungking government.

Excluded from the total profits

earned in the first half of 1940 was the \$17,500,000 in the first half of

the second half of the year. A decline of 9.87

## Soviet Airmen Conduct Study Of Stratosphere

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Aug. 18.—Soviet airmen in a series of daring experimental flights into the sub-stratosphere are opening up new conquests in the study of cosmic radiation.

On Aug. 14 the well-known fliers, Alexander Fomin and Boris Nevernov went up into the USSR VR-62 at the request of the Academy of Sciences to confirm new contributions made to the study of cosmic radiation made by Soviet scientists. They worked for two and one-half hours at an altitude of 9,500 meters. (approximately 31,000 feet) the crew successfully fulfilling its assignment and rendering great assistance to scientists in the study of cosmic rays.

**AVIATION DAY**

These feats and many others have been published in the Soviet press in connection with the celebration of Aviation Day today throughout the U.S.S.R.

Aviation Day this year marks the seventh anniversary of the organization of an airplane ambulance service. The first Soviet ambulance plane was put into service Aug. 18, 1933, at the Moscow Central Aerodrome. Since then the ambulance planes have performed notable work. At present there are some 70 air ambulance stations organized in the main cities of the Soviet Union.

In most cases ambulance planes have to fly alone unexplored routes and land on makeshift landing fields. During the first six months of this year the ambulance aviation of the Commissariat of Public Health registered 27 planes, performed 2,400 operations and gave treatment to approximately 26,000 persons. In 358 cases planes brought blood for transfusions. During this period ambulance planes carried nearly 1,300 people to hospitals and transported 45,100 kilograms of medical supplies.

**WEATHER WORK**

Hero of the Soviet Union E. K. Fedorov, head of the administration of the Hydro-Meteorological Service of the U.S.S.R. in an article on aeronautics in the service of science declares:

"The aerological observatory organized at the Central Weather Bureau is engaged in systematic observations of the atmosphere with the aid of radio test balloons and airplanes. The laboratory also organizes flights to study the troposphere and the lower strata of the stratosphere. Working in harmony with scientists, Soviet airmen have succeeded in performing several bold experimental flights this year. Our aerostats enable us to undertake observations of which no foreign research can even dream. Scientific observation flights on aerostats will be of tremendous importance for comprehensive research on the atmosphere."

Ivan Paparin, world-renowned polar explorer, twice decorated Hero of the Soviet Union, in an article on polar aviation declares that it has become an integral part of Soviet aviation.

The extensive network of air-

ways," he states, "firmly links up remote polar stations, ports and training depots with the major centers of the country. This year saw the opening of the world's largest airway from Moscow to Anadyr, which cuts across the far north. Planes carrying freight and passengers leave Moscow regularly for far off Chukotka peninsula."

**ICE SURVEY**

Their route eastwards lies along the shores of the Arctic Ocean. Polar aviators carry passengers, mail, manufactured goods, provisions and equipment to the Arctic and bring back furs and other goods. Aviation renders invaluable service in the organization of regular navigation along the Northern Sea Route.

"For the first time in the history of Arctic exploration Soviet Polar fliers have begun a systematic survey of ice conditions along this great trans-polar sea route almost all year round. Arctic planes perform regular flights over Laptev, Kara, Eastern Siberian and Chukotk Seas, keeping ships informed of ice conditions and in this way helping them choose the shortest and safest route through the ice."

## Youth Rush To Marriage In Draft Threat

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tions in the number of weddings almost in direct proportion to the prominence of army draft developments.

However, other reasons besides the defense situation are given for increase in marriages.

A bargain sale of licenses at \$1 each accounted for a boom in Jackson, Miss.

A boy in Nashville, Tenn., put into words the unspoken sentiments of many recent brides when he shuffled out of the license bureau and drawled:

"Well, I'm going to beat the army now."

El Paso, Texas, was the only city to report many prospective brides and husbands mentioning conscription. In most places they don't speak about it, but as a veteran clerk in New York said:

"They don't talk about conscription, except kidding. But you can see it written all over the faces of some of them that that's why they came here."

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Let's reach half-way mark in Fund Drive by Aug. 15!



**AVIATION IN USSR:** Air-minded, the Soviet Union has taken the lead in overcoming the remaining obstacles to final conquest of the air. Bottom right, a group of young pilot students study the construction of a plane motor. Top right, a four-motorized plane on exhibit in the Park of Culture and Rest in Moscow. Below left, a young Soviet girl in a parachute class. Top right, Soviet airmen tow nine planes in the exhibits during Aviation Day in 1939.

## \$100,000 Suit Faces Illinois Officials for Their Attacks on Communist Party Ballot Rights

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—Attorney General John E. Cassidy and a group of police officials stood charged today with conspiracy to violate the Federal Civil Rights Act in a \$100,000 damage suit and injunction filed in Federal Court by the Lewistown - Pontiac Defense Committee.

The committee represents numerous persons who have been subjected to false arrest, imprisonment and vigilante attacks since the beginning of the war hysteria. Many were victims of the state-foisted drive against election workers for the Communist Party.

Those charged in the suits, in addition to Attorney General Cassidy are Chicago Police Commissioner James P. Allman, "red squad" chief Mike Mills, of Chicago; fourteen Illinois State Attorneys he had been retained to protect fifteen sheriffs.

"They don't talk about conscription, except kidding. But you can see it written all over the faces of some of them that that's why they came here."

"This is a second Hague case," declared Jan Wittenber, secretary of the defense committee. The

complaint, filed by attorneys Max R. Naiman and Gart E. Baker, describes the many violations of civil liberties committed against Communist Party election solicitors, impartial observers and others.

It charges these officials have conspired to deny Illinois citizens their civil rights and asks that they be enjoined from further interference with people "peacefully and lawfully" exercising those rights.

**HOLD LABOR ATTORNEY**

In addition the complaint asks that these officials be compelled to extend the full protection of the law to all citizens. Topping the list of plaintiffs is Ira Silbar, prominent labor attorney. Held with three others in jail at Lewistown since July 22 on trumped-up charges of "treason," Silbar was arrested with three Communist Party election solicitors whose legal rights he had been retained to protect.

George Gibbs, Mrs. Mary Wilson, and Mrs. Jane Curtis.

Three other Chicagoans — Philip Stewart, Bernice Perdu, and Ger-

trude Ulrich Parker — are charged with "treason" at Pontiac and are now free under bond of \$500 each.

The complaint cities specifically instructions given by Cassidy to the 106 Illinois state prosecutors to cooperate in a drive to stamp out so-called "fifth column activities."

Cassidy and his co-defendants, the complaint declares, violated the civil rights act by using the unconstitutional criminal syndicalism statute and their power of arrests to harass Illinois citizens.

Section 43 of title 8 of the Civil Rights Act states:

"Every person who under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any state or territory, subjects, or causes to be subjected any citizen of the United States or other persons within the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws, shall be liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress."

**London Press Complains Of Censorship**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (UP)—Newspapers today condemned suppression of the British version of Friday's air raids on London and other sections of England and said

the Ministry of Information was working out a arithmetic the Germans were pumping out propaganda."

The Sunday Graphic posed this question:

"Who is responsible for this muddle that has become typical of our whole propaganda to foreign countries? Steps must be taken to see that this is the last time Nazi Nazis are given priority to the world and to America."

The Sunday Chronicle said that "Nazis lie flood us" while the Ministry of Information is trying to check the number of planes lost.

Complete 50 per cent of fund drive quotas by Aug. 15!

## Roosevelt Links U.S. to Canada In Military Plan

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Aug. 18 (UP)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King of Canada, after a momentous conference on a railway siding here, agreed today to create a permanent joint Canadian-American board to plan "defense" of the Western Hemisphere.

Providing an historically portentous implementation of the Monroe Doctrine, Mr. Roosevelt and the Canadian war leaders agreed that the board will be established immediately and open joint studies "relating to sea, land and air problems, including personnel and material" for defense of North America.

A statement issued at conclusion of the conference between the two government leaders said:

**STATEMENT**

"The Prime Minister and the President have discussed the mutual problems of defense in relation to the safety of Canada and the United States."

"It has been agreed that a permanent joint board on defense shall be set up at once by the two countries."

"This permanent joint board on defense shall commence immediate studies relating to sea, land, and air problems, including personnel and material."

"It will consider in the broad sense the defense of the north half of the Western Hemisphere."

"The permanent joint board on defense will consist of four or five members of each country, most of them from the services. It will meet shortly."

"The results of poll tax disfranchisement are shown in the election of many poll tax Congressmen by tiny minorities. An outstanding example is Rep. Martin Dies of Texas, anti-labor and anti-Negro chairman of the committee to investigate 'un-American' activities, who was elected by only 7.7 per cent of the adult population of his district. . . ."

"Despite the fact that the Scottsboro case won a tremendous victory for Negroes in jury selection, the state officials, in violation of the 14th Amendment, still refuse to give Negroes an opportunity to serve on juries. In violation of the 13th Amendment against slavery, such peonage farms as the notorious Cunningham plantation in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, still exist in the South. In the north the Negro is a victim of gerrymandering by unscrupulous Republican and Democratic machines. This condition of my people only symbolizes the plight of all the common people under the rule of the Sixty Families. This is the type of democracy represented by the Democratic and Republican parties. . . ."

**CALL FOR UNITY**

"In the present elections, the Communist Party, under the leadership of Earl Browder, its presidential candidate, calls upon all opponents of imperialist war and capitalist reaction to establish unity of action, under labor's leadership, around a people's program to defend our country, for peace, job security and civil liberties."

The military setting in which the agreement was reached was emblematic of this country's \$10,000,000 re-armament program which will enable it to back up its position by force, if necessary. In the 1,300 square miles fronting on the Canadian border, 91,000 officers and men of the First Army are engaged in mock warfare simulating conditions of actual conflict.

As his train was about to pull out of the station, Roosevelt took cognizance of the rapidly expanding defense program.

"We've got things going now," he told Lieut. Gen. Hugh A. Drum, commander of the First Army. "Next time, we'll have 200,000 men with you."

# The UNDERGROUND STREAM

By  
**ALBERT MALTZ**

**SYNOPSIS**

While Princey, Communist organizer in Jefferson Motors, goes to his Party unit meeting, having sent his bodyguard away, Jeffrey Grebb, personnel director of Jefferson Motors, is discussing his work with the head of Detroit's Black Legion, Harvey Kellogg. Grebb has several disagreements with Kellogg but decides that he can use the Legion for his own ends. In the midst of their talk, they are interrupted by Frank Speaight. Grebb's right-hand man, who tells him that they have a chance to kidnap Lasham (Princey's name in the factory) that night as he is separated from his bodyguard. Grebb congratulates him and sends him on his way. He continues his discussion with Kellogg after Speaight leaves.

**Chapter 6**

Sunday... 11:30 p. m.

A slight fog had begun to settle over the city. Tendrils of mist wove about the street lamps, vanished as a gust of wind puffed a', then floated back again. The air was cold and thickly damp.

Yawning, Princey stepped outside. He was weary, but he felt exhilarated by the meeting. The session had been a good one, with progress indicated in union work.

He breathed deeply, then yawned again.

As Ambrose Bishop came down the stairs, he turned, asking: "You're sure you don't mind driving me?"

"No-o-o. Why should I?" Bishop was a recent recruit to the unit, a medium-sized, plumpish Negro of thirty-five. He was a sweeper at Jefferson; it was a cushy job to have, but low-paid, and restricted to colored workers. "I'll just shoot down Harper, Princey; that don't take me out of my way."

"Well, I heard you tell Will you were tired. I wasn't counting on a hitch anyway, so if you don't—" "No-o-o—come on. I wouldn't mind driving you home. Shucks, takin' you to the trolley will lose me five minutes and save you a lot. You want the Joseph Campau, don't you?" "Yeah. That'll be good enough."

When they reached Bishop's car, Princey stood off and whistled. "Shoot, Ambrose, where would you get the dough for a bus like that?" It was a '36 Ford coupe, looking as though it had just rolled off the assembly. Even the tires were new, with a good tread to them.

Bishop laughed, scratching his face. His skin was yellowish, slightly pitted on both cheeks and on his chin. "You got a brother?" he asked.

"No."

"That's what you ought to have, Princey. That's what you're missing."

"This your brother's bus?" "Mmmmm."

"Mmmmm." He laughed, revealing a mouthful of gold-capped teeth. "I don't get to use it at all the time though. My brother's sick now. Boy, it's got a heater, a radio, 'nething."

"That was a good meeting, don't you think?" asked Princey. He felt awkward with Bishop. The man himself always seemed to have a kind of smiling, embarrassed air about him. He could never put his finger on what it was. Possibly the shyness of a new recruit. The Party set up the standard of absolute equality between Negro and white; sometimes new member felt awkward. Sam Stein, who had organized in the South, had told him of Negro recruits who had to be persuaded to sit with the whites at a Party meeting.

"Yeah, she was a good meeting," said Ambrose. He tipped back his hat and scratched his bald, yellowish skull where it bulged slightly in front.

"Will is a great guy, ain't he?" "Sure is. A scrapper I'll bet, too. He'd be one feller I wouldn't like to meet in an alley."

They turned into Harper, pausing at a red light. The sidewalks were deserted and there were few cars on the avenue. The mist was deepening all around them, thickly, although every now and then a gust of wind blew the air clear for several blocks ahead. Then the gray damp would settle down again.

"Like bein' up in an airplane, this fog." "You been up in on?" asked Princey.

"New—" He laughed. "When I was little, my grandpa used to tell me fog was nigger sweat. My grandpa was the jokiest nigger ever saw."

Bishop chuckled deep in his throat. He peered ahead at the soft blaze of his lights on the slick street. "Gettin' warmer now, get colder later. Detroit weather is the damnedest—fox you every time. Change every hour in the twenty-four." The windows were wet with fog and little beads of water ran down out of the path of the wiper.

"I guess so." He was a white boss's word to lower the colored people. Nobody in the Communist Party ever uses it. We got to fight against words like that, Ambrose."

Bishop was silent.

"You don't mind my talking about it, do you?"

"Shucks no." There was a slightly shrill note in his voice.

"You see, Ambrose, our Party fights to get all people organized together. The bosses like to see us separated; that's how they can use us and keep us down. If I call somebody a Wop, and he calls somebody else Hunkie—well never get to first base. The Party fights against all discrimination, in trade unions, on the job, and every place else. The Party says the Negro people have got to get their full rights as citizens."

Bishop continued his silence. Princey waited for him to break it. "Almost didn't see that red light. Gosh I'm always doin' that. I don't know what's the matter with me."

"Mmmmm. That's good all right."

Princey spoke with soft urgency, looking at him: "You know how much the Negro people have suffered, Ambrose. They're going to need leaders to show them the way to fight for a decent life. There's no reason why you can't be a leader. But you gotta know the answers; you gotta have knowledge."

Bishop was silent.

A bit uncomfortable, Princey looked away, peering out at the street. He decided, with regret, that one trouble in dealing with Bishop was that he didn't know him well enough personally. He would have to get him over to the house a few times and get acquainted. It was too bad that there wasn't another colored comrade in the unit.

The fog was dense now. Bishop was silent.

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"I guess so, yeah."

"It's on Wednesdays nights at eight. You'll be able to go, won't you?"

"I guess so, yeah."

Again the slight embarrassment and something else, a sort of apathy. It was clear to Princey that the man was not yet at home in the Party. He rarely participated in the unit political discussion, for instance. Still, he was doing well in his practical assignments. Twice he had smuggled union leaflets into the plant, a really difficult assignment at Jefferson; it took a man with some courage about losing his job.

"Did you read that pamphlet I gave you, Ambrose?"

"No, I ain't yet. But I mean to, all right."

Princey tapped his knee. "It's a swell little book, feller. You'll learn an awful lot out of it."

"I guess I ain't much on reading, that's the truth. Outside of the sport page, I never done much."

"But you've got to try. Reading's only a habit. You try once or twice and you'll see what a difference it makes."

"Yeah, I mean to, all right. I guess it makes me sleepy."

"You know Ben Silversmith? He couldn't even read at all when he joined the Party. But he's an important comrade now. That's what the Party's for, to teach us."

"Mmmmm. That's good all right."

Princey spoke with soft urgency, looking at him: "You know how much the Negro people have suffered, Ambrose. They're going to need leaders to show them the way to fight for a decent life. There's no reason why you can't be a leader. But you gotta know the answers; you gotta have knowledge."

Bishop was silent.

A bit uncomfortable, Princey looked away, peering out at the street. He decided, with regret, that one trouble in dealing with Bishop was that he didn't know him well enough personally. He would have to get him over to the house a few times and get acquainted. It was too bad that there wasn't another colored comrade in the unit.

"What's the matter, officer?" asked Princey.

A second man appeared on Princey's side and

# Tampa AFL Cigar Unions Fight Ouster From Central Body

Hits Suspension on 'Communist-Controlled' Charge, Without Fair Hearing and Vote by Delegates; Union Leader Flays Dictatorship Attempt

(Special to the Daily Worker)

TAMPA, Fla., Aug. 18.—Manuel Garcia, chairman of the Advisory Board of the unions of the Cigar Makers International Union, A. F. of L., all suspended by the executive board of the Central Trades and Labor Assembly for allegedly being "Communist-controlled" yesterday challenged

the leaders of the central body to put the issue before an entire assembly of the central body.

Garcia declared that the suspension was illegal because the assembly has no authority to suspend unions "without proper presentation of charges, fair hearing and a vote by the delegates of the affiliated unions."

The executive board of the C. T. & L. A. announced suspension of Locals 336, 462, 493 and 500, the most important affiliates of the Cigar Makers International with a membership of over 6,000 demanding that they purge their ranks of "Communists."

Garcia charged that the action of the central body is "intrusion into the affairs of the International" and "attempting to dictate to these members what officials they may or may not elect to office in their unions."

## CAUSE REVEALED

The official paper of the cigar locals of Tampa, Fla. International, indicated in its leading story of the current issue that the attacks upon the four Tampa locals is reprisal against them for pressing for a convention of the International union, not held for a decade, and for demanding to know the status of union elections.

International Pres. Van Horn of the Cigar Makers opposes a convention to "save" funds.

In his statement Garcia warned that the unions "cannot afford to submit to the rule by decree because that would mean the destruction of the A. F. of L. in this country."

Reviewing the activities of the cigar locals Garcia said:

"We are proud of the stand we have taken on every issue of importance to labor on every community problem and on every issue of national policy."

"Yes we took a stand against America's involvement in a foreign war, but that does not make us unpatriotic or subversive," he continued.

"Openly and above board we have denounced every intent to undermine the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. For this we were denounced in a statement of the executive committee of the Tampa Trades and Labor Assembly as disrespectful to the flag and subversive to the institutions of this country."

"Confident that there is a threat to American liberty, we have thrown our support behind the movement to preserve these rights for every American by affiliating one of our local unions to the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties."

## MILITANT RECORD

Garcia noted that the Tampa cigar locals have always fought hard at conventions of the Florida Federation of Labor for organization of the "thousands of inarticulate and unorganized working men and women because our federation has not organized them."

He further recalled how the cigar makers were in the forefront in the fight against amending the Wagner Act, for a Federal housing program and against destruction of WPA.

He recalled how the union took a stand against conscription, and how it has rallied great support for Loyalist Spain, especially among the thousands of Spanish-Americans here and set an example of solidarity with the people of Spain

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STRIKING CIGAR WORKERS confident of victory. Attempts of Antonio Cigar Co. to cut wages is danger to industry as a whole, it was pointed out by 68 workers striking factory. They are therefore determined to win.

## ORGANIZER TELLS HOW 2 C. P. SECTIONS FILLED FUND QUOTAS

By Carl Bristol

On Aug. 15, two Assembly District organizations of the Communist Party completed their fund drive quotas after a campaign of only two months. This achievement, unprecedented in Communist Party fund-raising, has resulted in many inquiries as to the methods that were employed in the First and Second Assembly Districts of Manhattan. Because these methods have general validity and because they are another concrete indication of the new quality of work that is arising throughout the Party, I propose to tell how the job was done.

From the beginning, the executive committee of the 1st AD, under the able leadership of the organizer, Manny Dennis, realized that the second imperialist war, the defeat of France, the abandonment of the New Deal by the Roosevelt administration and the Fifth Column terrorism against our Party demanded a qualitative change in our methods of work and a tempo of activity commensurate with the sharp and sudden turns in world events. We decided that we could not accept the "staged" orientation of 1938 and 1939 when a successful fund drive was organized on the basis of 20 per cent within a month and 25 per cent of the quota each month thereafter.

If our Party was to be safeguarded against all contingencies in a period "pregnant with surprises," there was only one slogan that had any validity: FULLFULL YOUR QUOTA NOW!

### GOOD ORGANIZATION

From this analysis it followed that the very best leaders of the section, including the organizer, the financial secretary, the administrative secretary and other executive committee members, were assigned to the drive. The drive leaders allocated the branches among themselves and visited the executive committees where plans were discussed in detail for the immediate fulfillment of branch quotas. The branch membership meetings were also attended by the A. D. leaders who came to check the manner in which the executive committees were carrying out their decisions.

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### HELP OTHERS

By the time the 1st A. D. had raised 75 per cent of its \$11,000 quota, our comrades began to show considerable anxiety over the relative backwardness of the other Assembly Districts in the state. We decided that our example was not enough, but that it was necessary to prove to the state as a whole that we had performed no miracle that could not be duplicated everywhere.

And so, Harry Styles, our dynamic and indefatigable drive director, and I were assigned to work with our neighbor, the 2nd A. D.

which was in 34th place in the state.

We immediately helped form a new drive committee, including in its membership the leading members of the executive committee. Each of us took responsibility for one or more branches. We explained that all drive slogans were to be immediately dropped and that the new slogan was "complete your quota now."

In ten days our efforts culminated in an emergency membership meeting at which Joachim Rotolo, the A. D. organizer made a critical evaluation of the executive committee's errors, particularly its underestimation of the urgency of the political situation in terms of our Party's need for funds.

Their success in the fund drive has given them the spark that will lead to many new successes in other vital campaigns of the Communist Party.

Aroused over the anti-labor actions of Joseph V. O'Leary, commissioner of the New York State Department of Standard and Purchase, local unions affiliated with the Allied Printing Trades Council of Greater New York, are joining in picket demonstrations at 80 Centre St. in protest

against awarding of contracts for printing to Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and non-union printing shops in the state.

In a statement signed by officials of ten local unions, it was charged that "Commissioner Joseph V. O'Leary is responsible for this action that throws New York printers out of work and by the same token, awards contracts to non-taxpayers from other states, while New York printers are idle with equipment and investments that run into millions of dollars."

The statement further declares in part:

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It would be more consistent for the State of New York to find out what is wrong with the Department of Standard and Purchase and thereby begin to clean up its own house first before investigating further.

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WATERFRONT C. P. MOVES TO HASTEN FUND CAMPAIGN

Declaring that methods and tempos of work established over two months ago are no longer adequate to meet the growing responsibilities of the Communist Party, Al Lannon, New York waterfront organizer, today prepared to call upon his membership to complete the fund drive one month ahead of schedule.

"New goals must be set, improved activity and ever increasing tempo of work is necessary," Lannon writes in a memorandum to be read at all branch meetings.

Citing the tremendous speed at which history is moving, Lannon, in the name of the section executive committee, proposes Sept. 15 as the deadline for raising \$5,500. The section has already raised over 50 per cent of its quota "an achieve-

ment which surpasses all other achievements of our section during its entire history" according to Lannon.

In his communication to the branches, Lannon interprets the increased fury of the attacks upon the Communist Party as a tribute to its growing ability to mobilize the people in defense of their interests and against the imperialist war.

"We have confidence in the future," the memorandum states, "a confidence that comes from the progressive role of our class, the insoluble contradictions of capitalism in war and decay, a confidence that comes from the strength and power of the great socialist Soviet Union and its effective peace policy. A confidence that comes from the clarity and unity of our own party and its tried leadership headed by Comrades Browder and Foster."

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## Protest Legion Move to Bar CP from Ballot

### Crosbie Sends Letter to W. Virginia Leaders

Paul Crosbie, former World War first lieutenant in a West Virginia brigade, sent today a vigorous protest to G. Stanley Hamric and F. T. McWilliams, State Adjutant and Department Commander of the American Legion in West Virginia, for their application for an injunction to deprive the Communist Party presidential electors from a place on the ballot in their state.

A temporary injunction was granted Monday in Charleston, restraining the Secretary of State from placing the names of Earl Browder and James W. Ford, Communist presidential and vice-presidential standard bearers on the ballot. The case is now being appealed.

"The first and basic principle," wrote Mr. Crosbie, "of our country is the right of franchise—the right of every citizen to nominate, place on the ballot and vote for the candidates of his choice. . . . In this war-torn world, it is no trifling thing for a group like the American Legion to attempt to deprive a number of citizens of their democratic rights."

"This is the kind of subversive activity which threw the French Republic into the hands of the Nazis. I know that the overwhelming majority of the veterans throughout the United States who cherish the good name of the Legion as well as respect the democratic rights of the American people, will condemn us uncompromisingly opposed to any such action which undermines our constitution and our country."

This account would be incomplete without paying tribute to the real heroes of the drive—the comrades in the ranks who grasped the meaning and significance of speed and made many sacrifices.

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Police told friends of Harris that they suspected him of "being implicated in a confidence racket" but this was regarded as a shoddy pretext.

Friends of Harris point out that he is widely known and that police could have discovered at once that he was not the mysterious "Newman" police claimed they were seeking.

These friends express the opinion that the arrest of Harris was connected with Harris' militant activity in behalf of tenants and small farmers and in opposition to conscription bill and that it is an indirect attack on the anti-war Southern News Almanac, weekly farm paper with which Harris is associated.

When attorney for Harris threatened habeas corpus proceedings, police released Harris and declared his arrest "had been a mistake."

A statement issued by S. J. Hall, Jr., publisher of the News Almanac, said: "Whether or not the labor and political activities of Mr. Harris had anything to do with his arrest and detention, the workings of ordinance 4902 is thoroughly unconstitutional and our paper is entering upon a vigorous campaign for its repeal."

Meanwhile, the Civil Rights Committee of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare seized upon the occasion of Harris' arrest to distribute leaflets on Birmingham downtown streets, demanding the repeal of the ordinance.

Police arrested Joseph S. Gilders, his daughter Margaret, Malcolm Cot-

land, New Brighton, Staten Island.

Those who will be out of town on Election Day should obtain an absentee ballot upon registering at the central offices.

Signers of the statement include:

Joseph Denny, Vice-President of the New York State Allied Printing Trade Council; William Talbot, Label Director, Typographical Union No. 6; Peter A. Tufo, President, Press Assistants' Union No. 23; Edwin Duck, Organizer, Printers' Union No. 51; Edward F. Dillon, President, Paper Cutters and Bookbinders' Union No. 118; Patrick O'Sullivan, President, Paper Handlers and Straighteners' Union No. 1; Louis F. Donato, Business Representative, Bookbinders' Union No. 25; Murray Heller, International Representative, Printing Pressmen Union; Frank O'Hara, Business Representative, Malleurs' Union No. 6, and Charles McNally, Business Representative, Press Assistants' Union No. 23.

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Weekly Column Devoted to Interests of Rail Labor

#### CLERKS LAUNCH "AUXILIARY" FOR NEGROES

According to a recent issue of the Railway Clerk, official organ of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, an auxiliary organization to represent Negro railroad workers, has been officially launched as of July 1, 1940.

This is in line with the resolution adopted by the Clerks' Convention last year, directing the Grand Executive Council to establish ways and means of providing these employees with representation.

"Plans for the creation of the Auxiliary have been in the process of formation almost continuously since the convention," reports the Railway Clerk. "The time consumed in completing them has been due in the main to the exacting task of setting up a Funeral Benefit Department."

A large number of Negro workers in this field have for some years held membership in federal unions chartered directly by the AFL. These unions have been represented in wage and rules negotiations by the system boards of the clerks. The members of these federal unions are now to be transferred to the new auxiliary.

Only about half of the Negroes in the craft are now organized. It is the declared purpose of the Grand Lodge to organize the unorganized as rapidly as possible.

#### JIM-CROW OUTFIT—BOSSSES' PRACTICE

Considering past performance of the Clerks' organization, we take it for granted that this so-called Auxiliary will be a Jim-Crow outfit.

Past experience with Jim-Crow lodges in railroad unions indicates that the workers in such organization will be deprived of the right to participate on an equal basis in the inner life of the unions, and will have little, if anything, to say in determining their status in relation to the employers.

The positive feature of this setup lies in that these workers formerly scattered throughout the country, particularly in the South, will be brought together in one organization.

This will offer the Negro rail workers a better opportunity to put up an effective fight to break down Jim-Crow practices in the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and set thereby a good example for the seventeen railway unions which still have discriminatory clauses in their constitutions.

#### LABOR MUST FIGHT AGAINST IT

The fact that the Clerks' constitution has no such clause should be of help. On the other hand the fact that they practice discrimination in spite of this is the more damning.

This will prove to be an excellent opportunity to show to all labor that Negro discrimination, no matter what form it takes, is a bosses' measure to weaken the entire labor movement. The bosses care no more for labor in white skin than they do for labor in black skin. The time is rotten ripe to abolish such bosses' practices from the ranks of labor. White labor is "cutting its nose to spite its own face" by continuing such practices and is only playing into the hands of carriers.

This black page in the history of American labor must be torn out with its roots once and for all.

#### NEGRO RAIL LABOR HIT IN LOUISIANA

A bill was circulated in the Louisiana Senate during July that would strike directly at the jobs of Negro railroad workers. This bill would require roads operating in the state to employ "only bona-fide and qualified voters of the United States of America." Although Negroes are not barred from the state's primaries, only a few are qualified to vote in the elections.

Many Negroes are employed by the Southern Pacific, Missouri Pacific, and Texas Pacific in Louisiana as laborers, brakemen, firemen and porters. Should the bill go through, thousands would lose their jobs.

Although the State of Louisiana is not one of the infamous "Poll Tax States" it is quite obvious that this is one more instance of "Poll Tax Justice" where the very livelihood of the workers is jeopardized by the politicians.

Nothing should be left undone by organized labor to prevent such fascist-like practices from getting "justification for existence" by any legislative body in America.

#### UNIONS CERTIFIED BY N. M. B.

The following unions have been certified by the National Mediation Board in the four-month period from March through June, 1940:

**Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen**, engineers, firemen and hostlers on the Atlanta, Birmingham and Coast Railroad Co.; locomotive engineers on the Union Railway (Memphis), Monongahela Connecting Railroad, Port Terminal Railroad Association, Missouri-Illinois Railroad Co., Manufacturers Railway Co., Minnesota Transfer Railway Co.

**Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen**, road brakemen, Texas Mexican Railway; Yardmen, Jacksonville Terminal Co., Texas City Terminal Railroad Co., Union Bldt of Detroit, Detroit Terminal Railroad Co.

**Brotherhood of Railway Clerks**, clerical and related office employees, Central of Georgia Railway; clerical, office, station and storehouse employees, Reading Co., Port Reading and Port Richmond Terminals.

**Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, Carmen, Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway Co.**, Oregon Trunk Railway, Oregon Electric Railway Co., United Railways Co., Kansas City Southern Railway Co., Houston Belt and Terminal Railway Co.

**Freemen and Oilers, Roundhouse and Railway Shop Laborers**, powerhouse and railway shop laborers, Reading Co., Port Reading and Port Richmond Terminals, Boston and Albany Railroad, Missouri-Kansas-Texas Lines.

**International Association of Machinists**, machinists, Houston Belt and Terminal Railway Co.

**International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths**, blacksmiths, Houston Belt and Terminal Railway Co.

**International Association of Sheet Metal Workers**, sheet metal workers, Houston Belt and Terminal Railway Co., Pittsburgh and West Virginia Railway Co., Southern Pacific Lines in Texas and Louisiana (Texas and New Orleans Railway Co.).

**Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen**, signal employees, Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway.

**Railroad Yardmasters of America**, yardmasters, Cleveland Union Terminals Co. and Western Pacific Railroad Co.

**Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters**, parlor car porters, Alton Railroad Co.

**Red Cap Station Porters Union 18329 (AFL)**, red caps, Ogden Union Railway and Depot Co.

**United Transport Service Employees (formerly International Brotherhood of Red Caps)**, red caps, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad.

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## First NLRB Wall Street Election Today

### Workers of Brokerage Firm to Vote on CIO Office Union

The first election for collective bargaining representation in the history of Wall Street has been announced by the National Labor Relations Board for Wed., Aug. 21. The election concerns employees of Newburger Loeb and Company, a leading wire brokerage house with branches in Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Sixty-five employees, including statisticians, purchase and sales department clerks, runners, bookkeepers, over the counter men, dividend department clerks, order room clerks, mail boys, stenographers, and telegraphers, are declared eligible to vote. Only customer's brokers, who fall into the category of salesmen, are excluded.

The secret ballot will carry the name of the Bank and Brokerage Employes Union, Local 96 of the United Office and Professional Workers of America. The union announces that on Monday morning, Aug. 19, 10,000 leaflets will be distributed in the Wall Street district, announcing the Newburger Loeb employee representation election and informing all brokerage employees of the issues in the Labor Board election.

Officials of the Bank and Brokerage Employes Union will say in the leaflet that the salary range for Newburger Loeb employees is \$14 to \$35, with an average of \$23 weekly even for employees with 12 to 15 years service with the firm. They cite a recent 3 per cent direct pay cut and an additional indirect pay cut of 12½ per cent through three-day lay-offs each month without pay, in attempting to pass the entire burden of "bad" business on to the shoulders of the employees.

The leaflet issued by Local 96 UOPWA appeals to all brokerage employees to discuss the issues involved in their own offices, and to support their fellow employees in Newburger Loeb by expressing moral support and expectation that the union will win the election by an overwhelming majority; declaring that such a victory will serve notice on other brokerage houses where similar practices prevail that the employees are determined to secure improved conditions.

"Victory," the leaflet declares, "in this election will be a step toward persuading employers that the financial problems of Wall Street employees are urgent and deeply felt, and convince them that immediate action is necessary to provide a decent American standard of living for all employees."

It further declares:

"A victory for the union in the Newburger Loeb election ordered by the NLRB will demonstrate that employees are no longer content to continue dealing as helpless individuals with million dollar companies, but are determined to associate together in order to give powerful voice to their needs and desires and discuss their demands with management on a harmonious basis as equals . . .

"The victory will likewise strengthen the position of those firms who are sensitive to the problems of their employees, who favor managing them halfway, and who recognize that fair compensation will improve the morale of their employees and result in increased efficiency and greater service to the firm and its traders."

All brokerage employees are urged to get in touch with Newburger Loeb employees and express moral support, urge similar action in their own offices, and visit junior headquarters to discuss improvement of their own conditions in the American way. Headquarters of Local 96 is at 5 Beekman Street.

## Seamen Flay Draft After Amter Speaks

### Meeting Sponsored by Harbor Workers' C. P. Branch

Israel Amter, state chairman of the Communist Party addressed a meeting of 150 seamen and harbor workers Tuesday night on "Conscription: What It Means to You."

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Seamen and Harbor Workers Branch of the Communist Party and a resolution passed condemning the Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill.

The resolution said in part:

"RESOLVED: THAT we will do all in our power to help unite the maritime workers of our port in common defense against this Hitler-inspired attack on the liberties and very existence of the labor movement; and finally

"RESOLVED: THAT we wire the President, two N. Y. Senators and our Congressmen, notifying them of our stand on this bill, urging them to work for its defeat, and informing them that we will fight for the defeat in the November elections of any government official who in any manner supports any form of conscription."



**PLANE WRECK KILLS TWO:** Wreckage of monoplane in which Lieut. Henry C. Thompson and Private Ellsworth E. Spencer were killed when it crashed into a thicket of trees at Rye, N. Y., and burst into flames. Plane was flying with another ship from Mitchel Field, N. Y., on routine training flight.

## Ill. Judge Lowers Bail on Jailed C. P. Petitioners

### Habeas Corpus Writ Brings Reduction from \$80,000 to \$14,400 for Victims of 'Treason'

Chargé at Lewistown, Ill.

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MONMOUTH, Ill., Aug. 18.—Democracy won a partial victory in Illinois today when Circuit Court Judge William A. Bardens ordered reduced from \$80,000 to \$14,400 total bond for four prisoners held at Lewistown on charges of "treason."

A nationwide appeal was made by the Lewistown Defense Committee in Chicago for immediate donations to free the imprisoned four—Attorney Ira Silbar, George Gibbs, Mrs. Mary Wilson and Mrs. Jane Curtiss. Funds may be sent to the Committee at Room 305, 231 S. Wells Street, Chicago, Ill.

The bond was lowered on a writ of habeas corpus sought by committee Attorney Hart E. Baker for the defendants who have been imprisoned in the vermin-infested Lewistown jail since July 21.

Silbar was arrested with the other three, who were soliciting signatures to place the Communist Party on the Illinois ballot, after he had accompanied them to protect their civil rights.

"Failure of the judge to lower the bond to a reasonable limit shows that Illinois authorities are prepared to crack down on all groups opposing the present war preparations," warned committee secretary Jan Wittenber.

"The friends of peace and democracy throughout America must help us to free these four and to defeat the infamous, unconstitutional charges against them."

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"In the meantime, no one man or appointive administrative department should be given the power to arbitrarily conscript America's fathers, husbands and sons away from their families."

"The question of conscription, including the Maloney bill, has been thoroughly discussed by the delegates to the Greater New York Industrial Union Council, representing some 400,000 CIO union members in this area. In behalf of this representative body, we earnestly request again that you vote against the Burke-Wadsworth Bill, the Maloney amendment and any other form of military conscription in peace time."

Support Communist Party and Daily Worker Fund Drive!

## See Senate Deal to Rush Conscription

### Maloney Amendment Called 'Delusion' by N. Y. CIO Leader

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gap of insidious nature, calculated to carry the conscription issue past the national elections to be held in November. It is obvious that opposition to conscription has become so evident and so strong that neither of the two major political parties want to risk retaliation by the people with justified grievances.

"We appeal to you to end police intimidation of the unemployed and urge the calling of an open hearing on relief conditions, the raising of the food allowance by 25 per cent at once; granting of clothing and ice to all clients, and an end to the long delays and red tape in emergency cases."

Copies of the letter, signed by Harry L. Pierce, organizational secretary, were sent to all newspapers, trade unions and civic and social work agencies as a guarantee that the Mayor would respond to the demand of the Alliance.

## I.W.O. Leader Arrested in Pennsylvania

### Former Town Burgess Jailed Speaking on Civil Liberties

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 18.—Speaking at a meeting of 700 persons who met here Friday night at Carnegie Hall to protest against conscription and the suppression of the Constitution and civil liberties in this state, Richard Lawry, Pennsylvania president of the International Workers Order, was arrested while addressing the assembly.

Lawry was taken from the platform, hustled to a police car and driven to the town of Coraopolis where he was charged with having criminally libeled the notorious Edie Sullivan. Sullivan was discharged some time ago by the Dies Committee and was later arrested here on a charge of impersonating a federal officer. He was responsible for the arrest several months ago of John L. Spivak.

Lawry was released after posting bail of \$2,500. He is well known throughout Pittsburgh for his progressive and served for 25 years as Burgess of West Homestead.

In spite of the provocative action of the police the meeting proceeded amid great enthusiasm and cheers as speakers urged the audience to bold man in defense of civil liberties.

Speakers at the meeting were: Joseph Baron, president of the McKeeps SWOC Tin Mill Lodge and Labor's Non-Partisan League of that city; Cyrus Davis, local attorney and counsel for the 43 persons indicted for circulating nominating petitions for the Communist Party; Rev. Francis C. Schlater; John Thornton, treasurer of the SWOC Lodge at Midland; Phil Daughenbaugh, president of the Aluminum Workers, Local 2 of New Kensington, and Anna M. W. Pennybacker, daughter of a former governor of Pennsylvania.

The success of this plan also depends on the speed with which we build a Daily Worker apparatus. Every Section must have a Section Daily Worker Director. Every Branch must have a Branch Daily Worker Director. Section and Branch Executive Committees must keep in close touch with the Daily Worker Directors to check on the progress of the plan. Each Section should have a Daily Worker Commission consisting of the Section Daily Worker Director, the Section Educational Director, and one or two Branch Daily Worker Directors.

Many branches have already put the plan into effect. Let us strive to make it 100 per cent effective in New York City by Sept. 30!

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CHARLES KRUMBEIN

N. Y. State Committee  
Communist Party

## Urges Mayor Call Open Hearing on Relief Conditions

### Alliance, in Demand Upon LaGuardia Cites Police Activities Against Jobless; Cases of Persecution

Protesting against the action of the police captain of District Office 40 on Elton Ave., The Bronx, who arbitrarily stopped a picket line in front of a relief bureau and denounced the pickets as "lousy Fifth Columnists," the Workers Alliance demanded of Mayor LaGuardia yesterday that he immediately call an open hearing on relief conditions in the city.

In a letter sent to the Mayor the Workers Alliance charged that "such actions by the police are a direct flaunting of civil rights for which we hold you and Commissioner Valentine responsible as it is your irresponsible statements about enemies within . .

# Communist Election Platform--Peace, Jobs and Civil Rights

National Committee,  
Communist Party, U.S.A.

August 14, 1940.

Pursuant to the decision of the Eleventh National Convention, your committee has completed its work of editing the national platform of the Communist Party for the 1940 election, adopted by the Convention. It hereby submits the platform for approval by the National Committee.

PLATFORM COMMITTEE.

Robert Minor

August 17, 1940.

The National Committee has approved the work of the Platform Committee and releases it for immediate publication.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE,  
COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.  
William Z. Foster, Chairman  
Earl Browder, General Secretary.

## ELECTION PLATFORM OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE U.S.A.

The life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness of the American people are now endangered as never before since our revolutionary forefathers one hundred and sixty-four years ago proclaimed these rights to be inalienable for all mankind.

For the flower of American youth, the right to life itself is challenged by those who claim the privilege to conscript them and to throw them into reactionary wars for the benefit of the propertied classes.

For the American people as a whole, their liberty is challenged by projects of conscription of even the civilian population, of tens of millions of workers of factories and farms—ostensibly for the security of the country, but really for the purpose of setting aside the sacred guarantees of our Bill of Rights and placing the civilian population under military law, to free the hands of ruling financiers for military adventures and conquest abroad.

For our country, as for the peoples of all the world, the pursuit of happiness can be realized only with work, with security against unemployment, against poverty in old age, with guaranteed education for the youth—and with a genuine policy of peace. But with 11,000,000 Americans unemployed, the Democratic Party Administration is sacrificing all social legislation, unemployment relief, unemployment and old-age insurance, and educational guarantees for the youth, in order to pour all resources of the nation as well as the blood of our people into the scramble of monopoly capital for domination of the world.

### WALL STREET WANTS WAR

The predatory war unleashed by the imperialist ruling classes of Berlin, London, Paris, Rome and Tokyo is a worldwide struggle for the division of the world among imperialist bandits—a struggle for the right of capitalist imperialist exploitation of the world by sacrificing the freedom of all peoples and the national independence of all nations.

Therefore the richest and most predatory of international bankers and trust heads of the whole world—those of Wall Street—are determined to enter into this worldwide, military contest in order to claim for themselves a share in proportion to their gigantic wealth. While their war profits pile high they deliberately seek to prolong the war and feverishly prepare to enter it. They have already transformed our country into an arsenal for one side of the predatory European conflict, and into a chief source of war materials for the Japanese adventures in Asia—thus making the United States, while still a non-belligerent, nevertheless a participant in the worldwide military conflict.

The warmongers of Wall Street are feverishly preparing to establish through military might the exclusive role of American finance capital over the two American continents at the sacrifice of the independence of twenty republics of Latin America. They are striving to strengthen their imperialist positions in China and aim toward control of the Dutch East Indies in struggle for mastery of the Pacific.

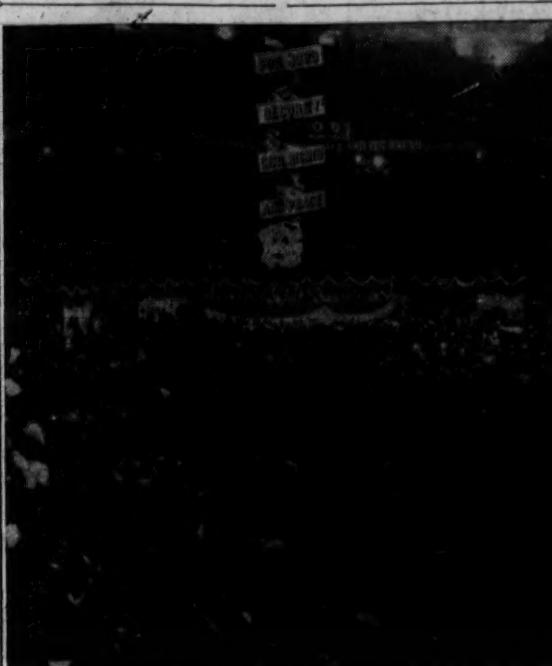
Aspiring for world domination, the American finance capitalists strive to drag the American people into the European war on the side of Great Britain. They work for a continuation and extension of that war and share guilt for the fate of those countries already conquered in Europe, Asia and Africa. But the same American imperialists have not closed the door to possible temporary agreements with the German and Japanese conquerors for establishment of the "new orders" in Europe and Asia, if only the terms be advantageous to the bankers of Wall Street.

Just as the American imperialists applauded and supported the betrayal of the democracy of Europe in the Pact of Munich, so are they ready now, on the promise of a gain to themselves, to betray the people of the United States, the peoples of the twenty Latin American republics, and those of Asia and of all of Europe and Africa to new imperialist agreements—if only they can secure their monopolist domination through the suppression of American democracy under blanket conscription and M-Day laws.

The Democratic and Republican parties—twin parties of the financiers of Wall Street—are seeking in this election to goad the people into a war hysteria, into panic and confusion; and to induce the people to agree to a surrender of constitutional democracy to a virtual military dictatorship in time of peace. All war plans are dressed in the guise of peace plans. All plans for dangerous military adventures are given the gentle name of "national security." All projects for military aggression are entitled "national defense plans." All imperialist ventures for subjugating the Latin American republics are entitled "protecting the Western Hemisphere." Every prospective imperialist venture and "Munich" arrangement designed to throw the American people into war and to sacrifice the independence of Latin American peoples are brought forward under slogans of "peace" and "democracy" as was the treaty of Munich.

### THE PEOPLE WANT PEACE

All domestic policies defended or proposed in this election by the Democratic and Republican parties are domestic policies subordinated to and completely dominated by the common purpose of American finance capital, the economic royalists, to plunge this country into a worldwide military struggle for conquest. This fundamental and decisive agreement between the Sixty Families of Wall Street that control both the Democratic and Republican parties, on a foreign policy of aggressive and militaristic imperialism, has brought the Democratic and the Republican parties to strangely harmonious positions on domestic policies. Both have common class interests and objectives. The



### C. P. CONVENTION IN GARDEN:

Scene of the huge throng of 20,000 that jammed Madison Square Garden on the occasion of the 11th Communist Party convention. The convention adopted an election program and nominated Earl Browder and James W. Ford to head the Party's ticket.

—Daily Worker Photo

differences between the two parties arise from specific secondary rivalries and conflicts among great financial interests, as to division of the spoils, as well as from the traditional rivalry between the Ins and the Outs, and from partisan bureaucratic interests incidental to the two-party system of American capitalism.

The bogus Socialist Party and other Social-Democratic groups and leaders, like their counterparts in Europe, Blum, Clitrine and Tanner, play the role of treacherous agents of the warmongers in labor's ranks. They beat the drums for war and strive to paralyze labor toward this goal, they lead the reactionary pack for a "holy crusade" against the land of socialism and peace, the Soviet Union. They perform a special task for reaction in its assault upon the democratic rights of our people.

The top leadership of the A. F. of L., the Hillman wing of the C.I.O. leadership and the leadership of the Railroad Brotherhoods have committed themselves to the "defense" program of the Roosevelt Administration and are attempting to subordinate the labor movement to Wall Street's war program.

All these parties are in opposition to the will of the majority of the American people. The overwhelming majority of our people are opposed to the entrance of our country into this predatory war. The overwhelming majority stand for the preservation and enlarging of social and progressive legislation, for unemployment insurance, old-age pensions, public works, farmer and youth aid, and for full civil liberties.

Only the Communist Party, among the political parties participating in the 1940 elections, fights on the side of and in harmony with the deepest desires of the majority of the people. The Communist Party alone of all political parties fights against the imperialist war, combats its prolongation and spread, and seeks to bring an end to the war.

Only the Communist Party opposes the imperialist policies of the economic royalists, their government and parties. The Communist Party is for a people's peace, and opposed to an imperialist peace based upon terror, annexations and oppression.

We want to keep our country out of the imperialist war. We want to ensure jobs and social security for all. We want to protect the Bill of Rights. We are opposed to imperialist ventures abroad, against M-Day plans and the militarization of our country.

The economic royalists once again have full domination over the Republican and Democratic parties.

In the name of "national unity" and "national defense" the Roosevelt Democrats have surrendered to the economic royalists. The ruling class is attempting to suppress the people's opposition to its war program through terror, attacks upon organized labor and with vicious alien and sedition laws.

The Roosevelt Democrats make every effort to retain support of the people on grounds of progressive labor and social legislation enacted in the past seven years, but the Roosevelt Administration has thrown overboard even the meager popular gains of the New Deal and has embraced the program of the Liberty League which was roundly rejected by the people in the 1936 election. This has been done on the ground that all national resources must be poured into war preparations, and in order to put through this unpopular war they find it necessary to fight the people's demands.

While playing for popular support with ambiguous phrases about differences, the Willkie-Hoover Republicans have joined hands with the reactionary Democratic Party leadership in championing the pro-war foreign policy and undemocratic domestic measures of the Roosevelt administration.

This announcement by Workers Library Publishers signalizes a new stage in the election campaign, a sharp rise in the tempo of activity and a more rapid mobilization of forces to win millions of votes for Earl Browder and James W. Ford, standard bearers of the Communist Party in the 1940 elections.

The appearance of the Platform, coinciding with the national tours of such leaders as Browder, Ford, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, William Z. Foster, Mother Bloor, Robert Minor, and others gives every promise that the distribution of this key piece of literature in the 1940 campaign, will break all previous records.

### STATE C. P.'S ACTIVE

The enthusiasm with which various State organizations are adopting their quotas indicates careful preparations for hundreds of mass meetings supported by intensive election campaign activity to reach every section of the population. Early acceptances from New York, Detroit, Pittsburgh and Milwaukee show that special emphasis is being placed on the distribution of the Platform, in languages, to the various national groups.

It is a platform to be proud of! From the very first word to the last syllable it is a stirring, eloquent, vital message to the men and women of America, to the workers in field and factory, to the young and old, Negro and white, of all extractions and creeds, alighting call "to close ranks, organize and unite around a common program of action to protect and advance the peace, liberties and welfare of our people, to defend the interests of our nation, the interests of the American people."

The last two pages of the Platform will be devoted to state planks and candidates.

volt Administration. Republican advocacy of the interests of Wall Street may be more open and outspoken, but it is not more effective than that of the Roosevelt Democrats.

The gains which labor and the American people won by organization and struggle during the New Deal period are now under a concerted attack.

After eight years of New Deal "liberalism," just as in 1933 after twelve years of Republican "rugged individualism," the misery and poverty of the working people under capitalism is growing.

Eleven million Americans are denied the right to work. A huge armaments program for imperialist conquest and war has been substituted for the former meager work and relief program.

Millions of small farmers, sharecroppers and tenant farmers are impoverished, and are being driven from their land by banks and insurance companies, and by the Federal and state governments.

Big business strives to crush the labor and anti-war movements by F.B.I. and Dies Committee persecutions, by attacks upon the National Labor Relations Act, the Wage and Hours Law and through a renewed open-shop offensive.

The youth of America, deprived of a decent education and the right to work, face conscription and being turned into cannon fodder by the merchants of death.

The Negro people, most exploited of the toilers, suffering from lynching and Jim Crowism, robbed of their constitutional rights, are being prepared to fight another war for "democracy" in order to further enslave them.

Millions of innocent and industrious foreign-born immigrants, who have given their all to the development of America, are being harassed and persecuted with fingerprinting and registration as if common criminals.

Wall Street girds for war by striving to destroy the Bill of Rights, by attacking the civil rights of Communists and other anti-war fighters, by promoting red-baiting, labor disunity and religious prejudices, by smearing as "fifth columnists" and "foreign agents" all who love peace, liberty and democracy.

This is the plight of the common people under the rule of the Sixty Families. This is the type of "democracy" represented by the Democratic and Republican parties.

### A PEOPLE'S PROGRAM

In this grave hour of crisis, the Communist Party calls upon the working class and toilers to close ranks, organize and unite around a common program of action to protect and advance the peace, liberties and welfare of our people, to defend the interests of our nation, the interests of the American people.

The Communist Party calls upon all opponents of imperialist war and capitalist reaction to establish unity of action, under labor's leadership, around a people's program to defend our country, for peace, jobs, security and civil liberties. Towards this end the Communist Party enters the election campaign with the following program of action:

#### Keep America out of the imperialist war!

Halt the war preparations and imperialist adventures of Wall Street and the government!

Against the militarization of the nation!

For a people's peace!

1. Combat the imperialist policies and acts of the President, the State Department, Congress, the Democratic and Republican parties to spread the war and involve the United States in it. No aid to the imperialist war-makers in London, Berlin, Tokyo, Rome or to their satellites. Oppose all war loans and credits to the warring imperialist powers. Stop the sale and shipment of munitions and armaments to the imperialist belligerents.

2. Defeat Wall Street's imperialist policy of economic and political domination, and military adventures in Latin America, China, and the Dutch East Indies (Indonesia). Full solidarity with the anti-imperialist struggles of the peoples of Mexico, Cuba, and all other Latin American countries. For the immediate and complete national independence of the Philippines and Puerto Rico. Maximum support for the great Chinese people in their heroic struggle for national liberation. Halt the anti-Soviet policies and incitements of the government and Wall Street. For friendship and collaboration for peace between the two great peoples of the United States and the Soviet Union.

3. No armaments or American soldiers for imperialist wars or adventures. Demilitarize the armed forces. Protect the freedom and independence of the trade unions. Make the rich pay the costs of the war preparations and the economic crisis for which they are responsible. Fight against war profiteering.

4. Against a peace of "appeasement." Against an imperialist peace of violence and oppression. For solidarity with and support to the peoples in the warring nations in their struggle for a democratic people's peace.

Protect and Extend Civil Liberties; Full Rights for the Negro People

1. For the unrestricted freedom of speech, press, radio, assembly and worship, and the full right to organize, strike and picket. Defeat the anti-labor drives under the Sherman anti-trust law. Pass the LaFollette-Thomas Oppressive Labor Practices Bill without reactionary amendments. Stop the attacks upon labor by the F.B.I. and the Department of Justice.

2. Pass the George Anti-Poll Tax Bill to give the vote to the Negro and white masses in the South. For full civil rights and the right to vote for all men in the armed services, migratory workers and seafaring men.

3. Guarantee the Negro people complete equality, equal rights to jobs equal pay for equal work, the full right to organize, serve on juries and hold public office. Pass the Anti-Lynching Bill. Demand the death penalty for lynchers. Enforce the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the United States Constitution.

4. End the dictatorial powers of the Dies and other Congressional anti-labor investigating committees. Repeal the vicious anti-labor and sedition laws that are a blot on the statute book of a free people. Put an end to Anti-Semitism. Guarantee the traditional American right of asylum to all victims of imperialist war and oppression, especially to the refugees from Franco Spain.

5. Guarantee the civil rights and freedom of action of labor, including the Communists, and all other anti-war, anti-imperialist organizations. Against all reactionary measures requiring the registration, incorporation or Federal control of working class political organizations, trade unions and other popular organizations. For the freedom of all working class political prisoners now languishing in Federal and state prisons. Defend the Bill of Rights against the reactionaries and war-makers.

Jobs, security, and an American standard of living for all toilers. Protect the farmers from Wall Street. Protect the rights and interests of the American youth. Curb the monopolists.

1. For the organization of the unorganized. For higher wages and the thirty-hour week without reduction in pay. For equal rights for Negro workers, the foreign born, women and youth labor. Abolish the wage differential between North and South. Abolish child labor. Cancel all government orders to those employers who fail to comply with labor legislation.

2. For a Federal housing program providing for building a minimum of a million homes annually for the low-income groups. Expand W.P.A. to provide work for all unemployed with a minimum of 3,000,000 jobs to be provided immediately on socially beneficial projects, at union wage rates. Increase the present wage scale by 30 per cent, and make a minimum payment for any classification \$70 monthly. Extend unemployment insurance to cover domestic, agricultural and all wage earners not now covered by the law. Increase minimum bene-

fit payments to \$10 weekly. Increase maximum payments from one-half to two-thirds of wages earned. Extend the period of unemployment compensation payments from the present maximum of thirteen weeks to twenty-six weeks.

3. Establish an old-age pension system providing \$60 monthly for all over sixty. Enact an adequate Federal health program and a system of maternity insurance. Guarantee free education to all youth and children, Negro and white, by extending Federal and state appropriations.

4. Guarantee to all farmers their land, equipment, and livestock free from seizure. Free the working farmers and sharecroppers from debt, tax burdens and foreclosures. Provide a high homestead tax-exemption and heavier taxes on large farms. For a Homestead Act for Today to return all lands confiscated by the Federal, state, and local governments, by the banks and insurance companies to all small farmers, tenants and sharecroppers dispossessed from the land and who wish to engage in farming. Develop an adequate program of tenant rehabilitation, soil conservation and drought relief. Guarantees the cost of production to the family-sized farm. Provide Federal funds for direct farm relief so that no farm family shall lack the necessities of life. Establish a ten-year debt moratorium for the small-income farmers.

5. Extend the NYA and the CCC under civilian control and on civilian projects at trade union standards. Adopt the American Youth Act.

6. Prosecute the trusts and monopolies for profiteering, monopoly practices, nullifying labor legislation, evading taxes and violating the laws of the land. Establish a heavy excess profits tax and a steeply graduated income tax on the higher brackets. Abolish tax-exempt securities. Confiscate all war profits. Repeal the provisions of the new tax laws hitting the low-income groups. Abolish all direct and indirect taxes on articles of mass consumption.

### FOR A NATIONAL FARMER-LABOR PARTY

This is an anti-imperialist program of struggle for peace, real national defense, and social security. It can be realized by labor and the toiling people through organization and united struggle, by building and strengthening the trade unions and other progressive organizations of labor, and by promoting independent political action of labor and the common people, leading towards the building up of a united mass party—a national Farmer-Labor Party, an anti-imperialist third party of the people.

The struggle for such a united people's party for peace, security and civil liberties can be actively promoted in the November elections by voting for and supporting the Communist Party. It can be effectively developed by establishing unity of action by the workers in all unions and industries in defense of their immediate economic and political demands. It can be strengthened by supporting tested anti-war and labor candidates for Congress and state legislatures.

Capitalism has brought our people only tyranny, hunger, degradation and war. Capitalism has given us an ever-deepening crisis, with millions permanently unemployed. Capitalism is destroying the cultural achievements and constitutional guarantees of freedom provided in the Bill of Rights. Under capitalism the people face a hopeless future. Only when capitalism is abolished, when socialism is established, as today in the U.S.S.R., will there be no wars, no unemployment, no social retrogression. Under socialism there will be abundance and security for the toiling people. To make our country really free, united and prosperous—to make it possible for all the people to benefit from the tremendous resources of our country, demand a new social order in which the national economy will belong to the people—a socialist society. Only in a nation free from its monopoly and financial overlords and freed of bondage to the few who have seized its wealth and oppress its people can our people live and flourish.

The Communist Party fights for the immediate interests of the working class, as well as its socialist future. We pledge to continue our struggle for our socialist aim, the common goal of all progressive mankind, already triumphant over one-sixth of the earth.

### VOTE COMMUNIST

Workers! Toilers! The Democratic Party is the party of the Roosevelts and Dies, of the Garners and Woodrums, of the duPonts and Cromwells, of the Boss Hagues and Kelleys, of Tammany and the K.K.K. It is the party of "liberal" promises and reactionary deeds.

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### The Fingerprinting Menace Spreads

The most arrogant extension of the recently passed law to fingerprint "foreign-born" Americans took place in Tampa, Florida, the other day.

Three citizens who requested a permit to hold a Communist Party election meeting in the municipal auditorium were compelled to submit to being photographed and fingerprinted.

This was not only a lawless attempt to interfere with the election rights of a legal political party and to curb free elections. It was also a flagrant effort to terrorize citizens exercising their most elementary constitutional liberties.

As we have repeatedly pointed out, the law to register and fingerprint foreign-born Americans—which becomes effective August 27—is planned to be the opening wedge for applying the same regulation to native born Americans. The most infamous example of this is the Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill which would register virtually the entire male population.

The action of the Tampa officials shows graphically that the Administration's so-called "anti-alien" program makes victims of the whole people. It should be protested throughout the land. The fingerprinting measure law should be repealed and, instead of persecuting foreign-born Americans, laws should be passed to make it easier for them to become formal citizens.

Meanwhile, it is clear that labor and the people will have to unite and fight off every encroachment of this type upon their democratic liberties.

### Who Said the South Was The Number One Problem?

Not many months ago, the man in the White House said the South was the Number One economic problem of the nation.

Today these words arise to condemn the policies of this same man—war-hunger policies which are causing increased degradation upon the poor whites and Negroes in the South.

The Winston-Salem (N.C.) Health Department has just issued a report that out of 600 school children examined, 80 per cent were found to be physically defective. Ninety per cent of the Negro children were defective and 76 per cent of the white. Ten per cent of the children were found to be undernourished.

This situation, which is typical of the South, is true to a more or less degree throughout the country. Even the capitalist newspapers reported recently on the low status of the people's health when, of course, it was discovered that a high percentage of the young men of army age were not even physically fit for death in the trenches.

Roosevelt once talked of heading a great crusade against the "feudalist few" in the South who were responsible for the wretched social conditions under which the great mass of Southern people have to live. But now even the idea has perished from the mind of the "Great Father" in Washington, and instead he has become the leader of the drive toward war which is undermining the health and the welfare of the nation.

Under Roosevelt's leadership, the Republicans and Democrats have scrapped the National Health bill; and the Department of Justice, professional persecutor of the trade unions, has "forgotten" about its suit to keep the monopolists of the American Medical Association from wiping out workers' health cooperatives.

Today the fight for the health of the nation, reflected in the Number One misery in the South, requires that the people snatch the National Health Bill from certain death at the hands of the Roosevelt Administration and its Republican Party allies.

### The Heart of the Draft Issue

John L. Lewis' personal letter against the Burke-Wadsworth bill to each Senator and Representative in Congress should be the starting point of a fresh wave of protests against this iniquitous measure.

The man responsible for the popular slogan, "it will not come to pass," said of the Burke-Wadsworth bill:

"It is the first step towards the breakdown of those free institutions which we seek to protect."

This touches the heart of the question and, indeed, is responsible for the wave of indignation which has swept the American people into almost unanimous protests.

It is an evidence of the fascist character

of the bill that the brass-hats and the warmongers—from Roosevelt to the Willkie-Republican councils—are attempting to over-ride the expressed will of the people.

They are attempting to make their wishes law and are saying in effect: "to hell with what the people want."

Lewis' letter, by identifying those who are working most feverishly to put the bill over, shows that they are the ones who have been the consistent enemies of the democratic and social interests of the country.

"The bill was launched," Lewis wrote, "by a group of prominent New York corporation lawyers and other wealthy persons. Neither these persons nor the Congressional sponsors of the bill have been notable in their support of legislation for the welfare of the common people of this country."

The American people, in opposing this measure, are not only fighting against Wall Street's drive toward imperialist war abroad, but they are dealing blows to the efforts of these same war forces to enslave labor and to wipe out democratic liberties.

Labor—all three branches—are against the Burke-Wadsworth bill. Churches, civic, youth and hundreds of other organizations have protested it. It is for this reason that the war-mongers are trying to sneak the bill through by introducing all sorts of amendments. The Maloney Amendment, which would postpone the draft until after the elections, is one of the most dangerous proposals to assuage the anger of the people and to disarm their protests.

But the people should answer with a storm of protests unprecedented in the fight. Letters, wires and resolutions to your Senators and Congressmen should leave them no rest until they have been forced to abandon this hateful measure.

The Chicago Peace Conference, taking place August 31 to September 2, can be the focal point for labor and all sections of the peace-loving people to organize and unify their movement against this bill. The American people want this measure killed, not postponed. No kind of amendments should be allowed to sidetrack or deceive the people from their central objective of smashing this Hitler bill.

### Finnish People Demand Friendship With U. S. S. R.

*Statement of Finnish-American Commission, C.P.U.S.A.*

Recent reports from Finland, limited as they are by the strict censorship still prevailing, indicate that the Finnish people are conducting a vigorous struggle against the reactionary ruling clique, whose policies have been so detrimental to the country. The Finnish-American Commission of the Communist Party of the United States takes this means of greeting the Finnish people and expressing the hope that their struggle will culminate in a speedy victory, once and for all making secure the people and the country's future.

The people of Finland, and particularly its working class, have a glorious tradition of struggle against oppression, both domestic and foreign. For more than twenty years, together with other oppressed nationalities and the Russian working class, they carried on a relentless struggle for independence from Czarist Russia. When independence was finally secured through the establishment of a workers' and farmers' Soviet government in Russia, the majority of the Finnish people wanted to create a Socialist Finland, whose people would live and work in close friendship with the Russian people.

The Finnish bourgeoisie, however, which up to that time had opposed independence and secretly connived with the Czar and Kerensky against the people, wanted a different kind of Finland—a Finland in which oppression of the people would continue. To achieve this, other methods having proven unavailing, it provoked a bloody civil war in which, despite heroic struggle, the Finnish working class was defeated with the aid of German bayonets and British arms.

**BUTCHER" MANNERHEIM**  
In the aftermath, 30,000 working class men, women and children were either executed or died of hunger or disease in the concentration camps of "Butcher" Mannerheim. The will of the people had been forcibly thwarted, and the Finnish bourgeoisie scurried about in search of a new master to replace the Czar, turning first to Germany and then to England.

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The war against the Soviet Union last Winter brought added misery to the people, coupled with increased terror and brutality. Hoping to become the flame that would ignite a "world crusade" against the Land of Socialism, the Finnish reactionaries concealed the proposals of the Soviet Union from the people, provoked a war and achieved "unity" by suppressing the few papers representing the interests of the workers, by arrests and the terroristic activities of the "Defense Guards." Only the brilliant smashing of the Mannerheim line in mid-Winter by the Red Army and the firm peace policy of the Soviet Government prevented Finland's war-thirsty rulers from transforming the country into a bloody battlefield for imperialist armies attacking the Soviet Union.

**HUGE UNEMPLOYMENT**  
None of the problems arising from the war have been satisfactorily solved. Having plunged the people into a reactionary war, the bourgeoisie now tries to place its cost (some thirty billion Finnish marks, according to Finnish sources) on the shoulders of the people. The inhabitants of the ceded areas, who were forcibly evacuated by the Government, have not been adequately cared for. Because of the catastrophic drop in foreign trade as a result of the European war,

### Letters From Our Readers

#### Assault on American Democracy

Boston, Mass.

Editor, Daily Worker:

"To burke," says the dictionary, means primarily to murder by suffocation, or so as to produce few marks of violence, in order to obtain a body to sell for dissection."

This just about describes what the lame duck Senator Burke is trying to do to American democracy by the Conscription Bill.

W. T. P.

#### Secretary Knox's Deception

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed please find copy of a letter sent to Secretary Frank Knox:

"In a flash of you on a movie screen you said that if England loses this war, we lose our last friend. For a responsible government official to give expression to such a false statement in time like this is about as ignoble as ignorance or deception can become."

"It is not England who is our friend but the Soviet Union. If there should be any advantage accruing to America because of British success in this war it would be by accident and not by design. England is the friend of no one but herself, as has been amply demonstrated again and again."

H. C.

#### Finds Way to Raise Money for Fund Drive

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

After tonight I can definitely say that the possibilities for raising money are unlimited, if one is always conscious of it. For many months, I have volunteered to take care of my sister's children, always refusing to accept money. Then the Fund Drive rolled around, and now I can combine an evening of reading plus donating to the Fund.

A CONSCIOUS FUND RAISER.

#### Hitlerized System of Government—Abhorrent to American People

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Are we Americans the free citizens of a free democracy? Or are we the servile subjects of a benighted despotism, cringing in abject submission at the feet of those, who in their arrogant disregard of every moral precept and principle of human and political freedom, would transform us into docile and unquestioning military robots, and foist upon us a Hitlerized system of government which is so abhorrent to our every concept of liberty and democracy?

H. Z.

#### unemployment is widespread. Rationing of food supplies is in force and living costs have soared while wages, instead of increasing proportionately, have decreased. Wartime restrictions on freedom of press, speech and assembly are still in force, and are being strengthened in an effort to stifle the growing mass movement.

Just as the reactionary governments of the Baltic countries failed to live up to their agreements with the Soviet Union, so too, can the Finnish reactionaries be expected to attempt to violate the terms of the Peace Treaty. In fact, violations of the Treaty occurred from the very beginning. Recently the Fascist Party (IKL), whose "map" of Finland includes Soviet territory up to the Urals and which the Government found expedient to "illegalize" a year ago, has been legalized, while the organizations for friendship with the Soviet Union are persecuted.

There are increasing indications that the reactionaries, having become more or less isolated from their English masters, are orientating toward Nazi Germany. There is every reason to believe that, should retention of power make it necessary, the Finnish bourgeoisie will be willing to do what it did in 1918 and what the French reactionaries did in 1940: enlist the aid of foreign arms against their own working class.

The policy of Finnish Social-Democracy has been a classic of betrayal of the workers. While thousands of heroic fighters of the working class were still being slaughtered by Mannerheim in 1918, its leadership condemned the armed resistance of the workers to the attacks of the bourgeoisie and strove to have them bow to the "legitimacy" of the Whiteguard dictatorship. It was this leadership which abetted the rise of Fascism by declaring its common interest with Fascism in the attack on "Communism." It was this leadership, which with its anti-Soviet lies and distortions aided the bourgeoisie in its military preparations against the Soviet Union.

#### THE SOCIAL-DEMOCRATS

When the Soviet Union demanded that this be discontinued, it was this same leadership which asked the workers to sacrifice their living standards and even their lives so that Finland might remain a prong in the anti-Soviet spear. Finnish Social-Democracy is thus directly responsible for the killed and wounded and for the present sufferings of the Finnish people.

The people are drawing their own conclusions from events of the recent past and are no longer relying on the words of the Social-Democrat Tanner and his ilk. A powerful movement for real friendship with the Soviet Union has developed and is growing by leaps and bounds. The Social-Democratic Party leadership is under fire. The Left-wing forces headed by such men as Cay Sundstrom, Yrjo Raisanen (both members of Parliament) and K. H. Wilk, former secretary of the Party, condemn the war against the Soviet Union, demands real Finno-Soviet friendship, insists on improvement of living standards and granting of full democratic rights as well as freeing of political prisoners.

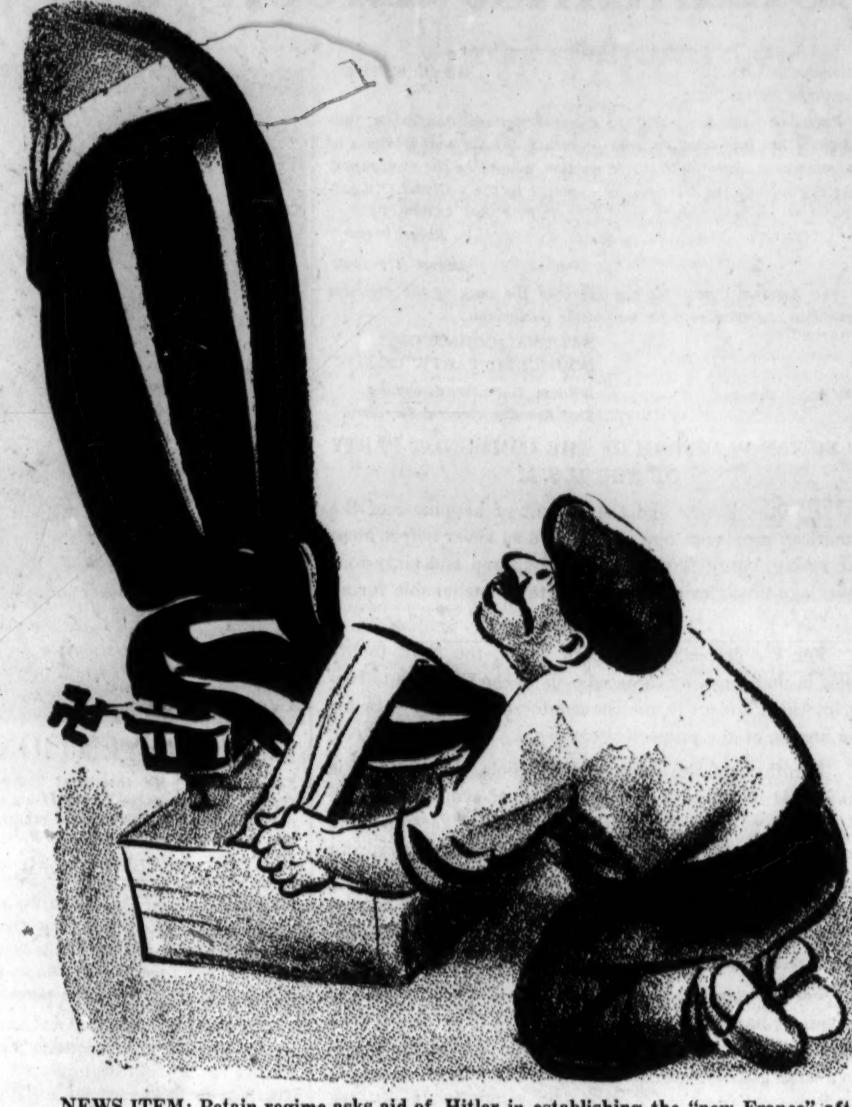
They are supported by strikes and demonstrations of workers called in spite of the opposition of the Social-Democratic leadership. This initiative will receive a warm welcome throughout Finland. Having desired Socialism already in 1918 and inspired by the example of the Baltic peoples, the Finnish working class will struggle not only for minor improvements but for a Socialist solution of their problems.

Finnish-Americans are following with keen interest and high hopes this struggle of the Finnish people. They hope it will soon culminate in victory, thus securing the future of the Finnish people and strengthening the forces working for world peace. It will inspire them to increased efforts in this country to keep America out of the raging imperialist war, to make America a factor for world peace in co-operation with the Soviet Union and to defend the rights of the American people.

**FINNISH-AMERICAN COMMISSION, COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.**

### 'Shine Your Shoes, Mister?'

by Gropper



NEWS ITEM: Petain regime asks aid of Hitler in establishing the "new France" after outlawing all people's organizations.

### NMU Sends 600 Delegates to Chicago Peace Mobilization on August 31

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Last Mothers' Day, has decided to send 15 people to the Emergency

conscription in FACT while postponing it under word camouflage.

The fire of your protest must be used to smoke out the Burke-Wadsworth bill in any form and the Maloney amendment. We urge you to write, wire, phone or visit your Senators today."

Speakers at the Emergency Peace Mobilization will include: Sen. Gerald Nye (Rep., N. D.); Sen. D. Worth Clark (Dem., Idaho); Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP, N. Y.); Bishop Edwin Lynn Waldorf of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Dr. Francis E. Townsend of the Townsend old age pension plan. Paul Robeson, noted Negro baritone, will sing "Ballad for Americans."

Auto workers, returning from their St. Louis convention instilled with the great anti-war sentiment of that convention, this week elected in seven locals, delegates representing 66,000 auto workers to go to the Emergency Peace Mobilization in Chicago.

The Women's Auxiliaries of the UAW, at their District Council meeting in Detroit this week, elected 4 delegates. The West Side, Briggs, Plymouth, Budd Wheel auxiliaries also elected official delegates.

The Women's Peace Committee, that staged the giant peace parade against the Nazi-like measures of conscription and alien-registration, Nazi-minded groups flourished," the call continues. "Anti-Jewish prejudice in employment keeps pace with the rising tide of war hysteria. Thousands of our fellow-Jews are now to be harassed by the terror of constant suspicion of their loyalty, and by the shameful devices of registration and finger-printing.

"We warn against the spread of totalitarian ideas in the United States. We feel that the democratic institutions of our country are fully adequate to deal with the present situation. We urge Congress, therefore, to avoid in the present program any peace-time abrogation of civil rights through conscription or forced labor."

The W. C. T. U. was invited to

attend the Emergency Peace Mobilization to be held here at the Chicago Stadium, Aug. 31-Sept. 2.

### Jewish Youth Back Parley

Declaring that, "Throughout history the Jewish people have always stood foursquare for peace and freedom. Today American Jews are joining with the rest of the American people for these ends in the EMERGENCY PEACE MOBILIZATION in Chicago," nine prominent Jewish youth and adult leaders, including Alfred K. Stern, Albert Maltz, David Livingston and Samuel Freedman, today addressed a call to all Jewish youth organizations to send delegates to the conference.

"Under the Nazi-like measures of conscription and alien-registration, Nazi-minded groups flourished," the call continues. "Anti-Jewish prejudice in employment keeps pace with the rising tide of war hysteria. Thousands of our fellow-Jews are now to be harassed by the terror of constant suspicion of their loyalty, and by the shameful devices of registration and finger-printing.

"These are the danger-signals that portend fascist-like repression, under which the Jews, as ever, would be heavy sufferers."

Other signers of the appeal include William Kerner of the East Side Young Congress, Howard W. Lederer, Norman Y. Lourie of Bronx House, Rabbi Moses Miller, and Cal Shenkman of the Washington Heights YMHA.

### Letters to Relatives Here Describe Joy Of Jews Liberated by the Soviet Union

Since the liberation of almost three million Jewish people from the savage oppression and terror to which they were subjected in Poland, the Baltic states and Bessarabia and Bukovina, thousands of letters have poured into the United States to relatives of those who were liberated by the Soviet Union.

These letters tell of a joy unknown before in the lives

## Sidelights on Wendell Willkie's Home Town

By John Henry

Seventy-five years ago Elwood, Indiana, was a small hamlet, a dusty, drowsy, trading-post renowned for its Hoosier provincialism only. Then came natural gas, followed by a period of manufacture during which great quantities of tin-plate was turned out and shipped to all parts of the world. With cheap fuel and the high incentive of a "full-dinner pail" vast fortunes were piled up to the credit of the owners while the workers received for their effort, thick callouses on their hands and burnt spots on their cheeks.

However, without any thought of conservation, natural gas soon died in central Indiana. Everybody was sorry. Most of the manufacturers had grown to like this new country, they feigned much civic pride and even at times taught a Sunday school class, but now the one inducement had gone; they deserted Elwood like rats from a burning ship. One after another they said goodbye to the tall, waving corn fields and to the luscious tomato patches and allowed an old building to stand here and there, as a monument to private enterprise and to a despondent people, left standing.

### Left Patient More Hysterical

The few companies that remained after the general exit took place, kept the people of Elwood in hot-water. A mere rumor that some company was about to move out of the city brought an epidemic of chill to the business section that rapidly swept around to the source for which it was intended. Straightway a wage reduction was suggested and, a gesture of good faith, a little lift in the way of donation was extended the company for improvement.

But like all maladies subject to chill, each succeeding attack left the patient more hysterical. Labor moved in a fog. If three people happened to meet on a street corner, it's either props or no props.

## Woody Guest on 'Forecast' Program, WABC, at 9 P.M.

Woody Guthrie, guest artist on "Forecast" program tonight at 9 P.M. over WABC... Program from Fahnestock Expedition South Islands, to be shortwaved over WJZ at 10:15 P.M.

**SHORTWAVE BAND**  
Radio Center, Moscow 8:00 PM, Italian, 6:30 AM, 7:00 PM, Spanish, 7:30 AM, Voice of China, Chungking, 8:30 PM, 15:30 Mo.  
**BROADCAST BAND DAILY PROGRAMS MORNING**  
8:30-WHIC-UP News  
WHIC-Amsterdam String Ensemble  
WMCA-Newspaper Bullets  
8:45-WNYC-News  
WABC-Woman's Page of the Air  
8:55-WNYC-Around New York with Hal Halpern, WJZ-AP News  
9:00-WNYC-Masterwork Hour  
WEAF-Condensed News  
WABC-News from Tomorrow  
WGXR-Composers' Hour  
9:15-WABC-Press News  
WMCA-Ferde Grofe's Orchestra  
9:30-WOR-UP News  
WMCA-Food Forum  
WJC-Breakfast Club  
10:00-WNYC-Children's Concert  
WMCA-News, WNYC-Songs  
10:15-WNYC-Amsterdam String Ensemble  
10:30-WGXR-Teaching First Aid  
10:45-WNYC-Safety Program  
11:00-WNYC-News & Request Music  
WNYC-News  
WOR-Transradio News  
WABC-News Show Story  
WABC-Women's Program  
11:15-WNYC-Musical Comedy Memories  
WOR-Women's Hour  
11:30-WMCA-Master Singers  
**AFTERNOON**  
12:00-WHIC-Health Quiz  
WNYC-Midday Symphony  
12:15-WMCA-Newspaper Bullets  
12:30-WOR-Transradio News  
WEAF-News Broadcast Sing  
12:45-WEAF-Condensed News  
WMCA-Home Economy  
1:00-WNYC-Missing Persons Alarms  
Religious World's Fair  
1:15-WGXR-Easy Aces  
1:30-WJZ-Frontiers of American Life  
1:45-WNYC-International Review  
WMCA-Love Songs of Today  
1:45-WCR-Health Talk  
WJZ-News Summary  
2:00-WJZ-Dance Music, WNYC-News  
2:15-WHIC-News Hour  
2:30-WOR-Radio Garden Club  
WJZ-U.S. Navy Band  
3:45-WNYC-News Broadcast Sing  
3:00-WGXR-Rhythms of America  
WOR-Transradio News  
3:10-WOR-Boston Bees vs. Pitts. Pirates  
3:15-WNYC-Orchestra, Detroit Tigers  
WGXR-Orange Blossom Quartet  
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**A Few Managers, Frisch for Instance**

LOS ANGELES.—Strange what the difference of a few months will do. Back in May Mons. Frisch, the erstwhile Fordham Flash was just a phaltering phish in Pittsburgh, Pa. His Buccaneers had hoary ears and were setting the wrong kind of records. Today he is Onkie Franz again and his contract for next year is in the bag. The secret is no necromancy—but merely the fulfillment of a prophecy of Pie Traynor's. For which Pie gets no credit. He was the guy who insisted that Ken Heintzelman and True Sewell were major league pitchers when even their team-mates had given up on them. And it was Pie that went the route in nursing young Bob Elliott and Morrie Van Robays—although Frisch is the hero of Manila or is it Pelham Bay? But that's baseball. The guy who takes over and stays on top takes the bows. He also takes the boots—if the going is rough.

**Fred Haney**

For few weeks Fred was another Miracle Man, to go down in the books alongside of George Stallings and Mickey Cochrane, while he had it. But then the Browns went blue on the road and set the season's record for defeats—or did the Pirates set that one—and Fred reverted to being just the manager of the American League team of St. Louis. But the club is on an even keel and has already won more games this season than it did all of last year. And will win plenty more before Cleveland wins the pennant. So Haney is back in everybody's good graces. And the Loyal Brownies are glad the franchise wasn't moved to Brooklyn, about which there once was some talk. The reason for the close contest in the American League is because teams like the Browns, the Senators and the Athletics are from ten to twenty games better this year than they were last.

**Billy the Kid-Southworth**

Last year Ray Blader took what was dubbed a second division club and ran it up to second place—with the Cards refusing to say uncle until September twenty-something. For that he was a wonder boy. Last winter sportswriters were conceding him the pennant. When the club could not get going Ray was given the heave-ho. Tomorrow he will be remembered only as the guy who invented those trick glasses outfielders wear when playing the sun-field. But his successor Billy Southworth is really in clover. He started with nothing to lose but his leg-irons. He has kept the club playing pretty close to .600 ball. Billy's story is a good one. He had a chance to manage the team before. But in those days Southworth took his nourishment out of a bottle. That wouldn't do with Elder Rickey—who is practically a Mennonite about such matters. But fortunately Billy developed stomach ulcers—and couldn't take it. He settled down and did such a swell job on the Cardinal chain, that today he is where he is. And what's more he owes it all to stomach ulcers and spinach. You tell me what makes a pennant contender go sour—and then suddenly straighten up and play ball like it should and can. But then anything can happen in St. Loo. I even hit a jackpot in a quarter machine there while the Yankees were winning a 4 game world series back in 1928. It is really that long ago? I haven't stopped talking about it ever since.

**Oscar Vitt**

Everybody including your deponent fired Oscar a couple of months back. But here he is leading the club to its only other pennant since Tris Speaker pulled the trick a full score of years ago. Oscar has something all rightie. ("And that something is Bob Feller," do I hear you say?) I'll grant that Bob is the best pitcher in organized baseball today. I won't grant it—I'll reaffirm it. But it takes more than a one man pitching staff. It's a fine young infield, at least three-quarters new—all but Trostky. And a lot of guys who hit in the clutch. Oscar also has a mighty smart-head in Johnny Bassler, his coach. Put them all together and you see why for once the club isn't its usual self, the proverbial morning glory. As a rule Cleveland gets off to a good start and wits in mid-July. But here we are in mid-August, the Tribe has just stuck the Tigers among Aunt Emma's anti-macassars. I'll bet on them to stick this one out. But if they tangle with the Cincinnati for the money flag, my dough on the Reds, and not because of my politics either. Feller will win a couple of games but that's about all. However until then let's give Oscar his due. He's done a grand job.

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**WHAT'S ON**

BATES: What's On notices for the  
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DEADLINE: Daily at 12 Noon. For  
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PAT KENNEDY, leading basketball  
arbiter, has joined Clair Bee's faculty  
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